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CAM PIERCE 1917-1985

Coming Events

March 25	NCCC meeting, Harry's Hofbrau, Palo Alto
March 30-31	WPX phone contest
April 2	BOD meeting--K6TMB
April 19-21	Fresno Intl. DX Convention
April 29	NCCC Awards Banquet, Rick's Swiss Chalet, Palo Alto
May 25-26	WPX CW contest

Cam Pierce, K6RU, a Silent Key

The world of contesting lost a champion and the NCCC lost a friend when Cam Pierce, K6RU, passed away on February 28. Cam was a longtime editor of this newsletter, was the recipient of the NCCC Contester of the Year Award for 1980-81, and built a very successful multi-multi station on his city lot in Ladera. To honor Cam, the NCCC BOD has voted to sponsor an annual K6RU Memorial Award to be given to the top California multi-multi in the CQWW, both modes combined. This award will be presented at the International DX Convention each year.

Speaking of the annual DX convention, this year's edition, to be held in Fresno, promises to be a lively affair. The NCCC will be hosting its annual hospitality suite, and club members will play prominent roles in the contest forum, CW copying contest, and slide shows. See you all there.

Our February meeting was entertaining and informative, thanks to the excellent video presentation by John, K6GSS, and George, WB6KBZ, on how they broke the Pacific Division record in the ARRL June VHF Contest. Jim, WA6AUE, supplied the drinks and conducted the raffle. The KCDXC video "Contest Night Live" drew some chuckles.

Our March meeting will be held on Monday, March 25, at Harry's Hofbrau in Palo Alto. Take the Embarcadero exit off Route 101 in an easterly direction, and follow signs to the Palo Alto golf course (near the airport). Cafeteria style dinner starts at 6:30 P.M. and the meeting will begin at 7:30. Several international members of the imminent Clipperton Expedition will join our very own Clipperton adventurers and the rest of us landlubbers for a gala sendoff party. We've invited the members of the NCDXC to help us celebrate. On the program that evening will be a video presentation on contesting in Japan by two Japanese testers, Takeshi, JH7PKU, and Dai, JF2IWL, operators of JG1ZUY.

Don't forget the phone weekend of the WPX Contest coming up March 30-31. The NCCC will be submitting a club score. Send your summary sheets to Ron Chiappari, N6AUV. The spring solstice offers some of the best propagation conditions of the year. Those of us with weird prefixes can do relatively well with a modest effort. In last year's version of the SSB WPX test, Gary, WA6VEF, operating KI6P, set a new U.S. record on 40 meters! AI6V and K6HNZ made the world top ten in the single-op all-band category, and WB6FCR came in #7 in the U.S. on 15 meters.

The Los Altos Hills Planning Commission public meeting on the subject of amateur radio antennas, scheduled for March 13, was postponed because of an overcrowded agenda until 7:30 P.M., Wednesday, April 10, at Los Altos Hills town hall. The decision to postpone was made around noontime the day of the scheduled meeting. Word of the postponement went out on 147.360 and 147.240. About 30 hams showed up anyway, to attend our planned caucus, at which we discussed strategy for the April 10 meeting. Most present favored our asking for an ordinance in which fixed towers up to 75' and crankups having a maximum height up to 95' would be legal upon completion of an inspection based solely on safety. Local hams will volunteer to assist the town in making these safety inspections. These height limits are much higher than those put forth in the town's initial proposal, which is based solely on aesthetics and would severely restrict amateur radio in Los Altos Hills.

A distinguished group of people, including W6JZU, W6JKV, WB6JXU, W6QHS, N6ICV, W6SZN, N6DA, WB6UOM, N6OO, N6BT, and AA6AD, were prepared to inform the Commission of our humanitarian activities as well as the technical reasons our antennas must be a certain height. The Planning Commission was impressed with this lineup of planned speakers, as well as with our ability to mobilize large numbers of people in a short period of time. If you are interested in improving the regulatory environment within which amateur radio operates, you'll be interested in attending the April 10 meeting. This will be the only announcement of this meeting in this publication, so please mark your calendars now.

SK -- CAM PIERCE, K6RU

As most of you know by now, Cam, K6RU, became a silent key on Thursday, February 28.

Cam was an active and valued member of the NCCC and was the Jug editor for several years before he became too ill to continue. His enthusiasm for contesting was very evident in the scores produced from his famous "City Lot" location in numerous contests. But this was nothing new for Cam. In the late 50's and early 60's, he constructed one of the first West Coast superstations at his avocado ranch in Fallbrook, California.

First licensed as W6HJT in 1932, Cam graduated from Stanford University and worked for General Electric, ABC, and Ling Electronics. Cam lived in Hawaii for several years, and held KH6EPW. His other call signs were W6QY and ZK2RU, the latter during his two Niue Island DXpeditions. Cam was always an outstanding organizer and was instrumental in the recent success of the K6YT national first place scoring efforts in Field Day. Cam produced record breaking scores from Niue Island in the CQ WW DX CW Contest, and was heavily involved with the implementation of the NCDXF twenty meter world-wide Beacon Network.

Cam's activities and achievements are an inspiration for all of us. He will be greatly missed.

K6XO

NCCC MARCH 1985 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

1. The new roster and by-laws mailing will be made soon.
2. The following awards will be made at the April Awards Banquet for the 1984 ARRL Sweepstakes effort: KB2000 Award, KB1000 Award, KB500 Certificate, Section Awards (ssb&cw) for each ARRL section winner, Little Gun (ssb&cw), and Most Improved Contester.
3. The SCCC Field Day challenge was then considered. W6SZN and AJ6V will draft the NCCC response [which appears elsewhere in this Jug].
4. Motion was made and seconded to establish and administer the THE CAMERON G. PIERCE, K6RU MEMORIAL AWARD to be given to the top Multi-Multi station in California, both modes combined, in the CQ World-Wide DX Contest. (motion passed) It was further moved by W6RGG (seconded by N6TV) that a \$100 donation be sent to the charity fund designated by Cam's wife. (passed unanimously)
5. Gary, WA6VEF said that the hospitality room at the Fresno DX Convention has been reserved and he will be running the CW copying contest.
6. The April BOD meeting will be held at the QTH of K6TMB.

NCC REPLY TO SCCC FIELD DAY CHALLENGE

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March 14, 1985

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Re: SCCC Field Day Challenge

Dear Jim:

You always did like things that were stacked.

Your proposed Field Day challenge would force the NCCC to relegate all but 12 or so of its operators to a non-participatory role. Given the "coincidental" choice by SCCC of category 7A (how many Southern Cal VHF stations do you have lined up, anyway?), 90% of the NCCC would be forced to sit on the sidelines.

The numerous victories of the NCCC (6 Sweepstakes club victories, 1981 and 1983 CQWW club victories, to name a few) were the result of an all-out club effort-- we all participated and we all K'd some B. In other words, James of Africa, we won because each member of our club got excited about a particular contest and made the personal sacrifices to both get on the air and bust his/her derriere to make a maximum score. Thus it is that a club wins a contest, over rag-tag groups and all others.

Accepting your "challenge" would necessarily disenfranchise most of our club from participating in what would plainly be yet another NCCC victory (albeit a relatively insignificant one) over a small, modestly talented group of Southern California operators who really wish they could find a way to eke out a living in Northern California.

Perhaps your rag-tag bunch can come up with a North/South challenge that accomodates the obvious fact that we are a club of contest operators. Accepting the purported challenge as described in your letter, however, would be completely counter to the NCCC's highly participative philosophy, one that has met with not inconsiderable success since your departure for Smogsville.

We look forward to hearing from you, OT.

Very truly yours,

NCCC Board of Directors

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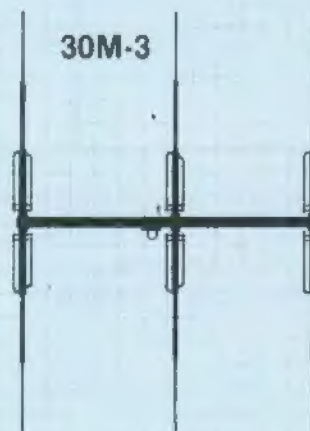
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F/B:

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